Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. S. PALANIMANICKAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

(i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under Section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, along with Explanatory Memoranda:—

(1) G.S.R. 67 (E), dated the 2nd February, 2009, publishing Notification No. 10/2009-Customs dated the 2nd February, 2009 seeking to amend Notification No. 66/2008-Customs, dated the 10th May, 2008, so as to fully exempt basmati rice from export duty of Rs. 8000 per metric tonne.

(2) G.S.R. 71 (E), dated the 3rd February, 2009, publishing Notification No. 11/2009-Customs dated the 3rd February, 2009 seeking to amend Notification No. 21/2002-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to reduce the basic customs duty on poppy seed from 40% *ad valorem* to 20% *ad valorem*.

(3) S.O. 2893 (E), dated the 15th December, 2008, regarding revision of Tariff Value on Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil, Others-Palm Oil, Crude Palmolein, Brass Scrap (all grades) and Poppy Seeds, based on international prices.

(4) S.O. 2963 (E), dated the 23rd December, 2008, publishing Corrigendum to Notification No. 131/2008-Customs (N.T.), dated the 15th December, 2008, to correct the Tariff Value of brass scrap which was misprinted in English version of the said Notification.

(5) S.O. 2985 (E), dated the 29th December, 2008, publishing the exchange rate of conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* on the purpose of assessment of imported and export goods.

(6) S.O. 3012 (E), dated the 31st December, 2008, regarding revision of Tariff Value on Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil, Brass Scrap (all grades) Poppy Seeds etc., based on international prices. [Placed in Library. For (1) to (6), *See* No. L.T. 10567/09]

(7) G.S.R. 8(E), dated 2nd January, 2009, amending Notification No. 103/2008-Customs (NT), dated 29th August, 2008, so as to create a new entry for Polyester Texturised Yarn as well as to increase drawback rates and caps of certain Textiles items like Cotton Yarn, Synthetic Yarn and Knitted Fabrics in the Drawback Schedule 2008-2009. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10743/09]

(8) S.O. 359 (E), dated the 28th January, 2009, publishing the exchange rate of conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for the purpose of assessment of imported and export goods. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10567/09]

(9) S.O. 380 (E), dated the 30th January, 2009, regarding revision of Tariff Value on Crude Palm Oil, RBD Palm Oil, Brass Scrap (all grades) Poppy Seeds etc., based on international prices. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10567/09]

(10) G.S.R. 91 (E), dated the 10th February, 2009, seeking to amend Notification No. 21/2002-Customs, dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to reduce the rate of Basic customs duty on zinc ash, residue of zinc ash, residue of zinc and residue of copper. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10743/09]

(11) G.S.R. 93 (E), dated the 11th February, 2009, seeking to amend the Notification No. 21/2002-customs, dated the 1st March, 2002, so as to fully exempt Basic Customs duty on 'newsprint' as well as on 'uncoated paper used for printing of newspapers', and light weight coated paper used for printing magazines'. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10866/09]

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under Section 296 of the Income Tax Act, 1961:—

(1) G.S.R. 50 (E), dated the 8th January, 2008, publishing the Income-Tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2008, regarding eligibility of industrial parks for benefits under Income-Tax Act along with delay statement and Explanatory Memorandum.

(2) G.S.R. 51 (E), dated the 8th January, 2008, publishing the Industrial Park Scheme, 2008, along with delay statement and Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. For (1) and (2) *See* No. L.T. 10740/09]

(3) G.S.R. 2813 (E), dated the 28th November, 2008, amending the Industrial Parks Scheme, 2008. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10741/09]

(4) S.O. 220 (E), dated the 21st January, 2009, publishing the Income-tax (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 2009 along with Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10740/09]

(5) S.O. 379 (E), dated the 30th January, 2009, publishing the Wealth-tax (First Amendment) Rules, 2009 along with explanatory memorandum.

(6) G.S.R. 470 (E), dated the 13th February, 2009, publishing the Wealth-tax (Second Amendment) Rules, 2009, along with Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. For (5) and (6) *See* No. L.T. 10742/09]

(iii) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification G.S.R. 18 (E) dated the 7th January, 2009, publishing Notification No. 01/2009-Central Excise (NT), dated the 7th January, 2009, providing exemption to parts manufactured during the period from 1st March, 1993 to 3rd May, 1993, when used

within the factory in which they have been produced, under sub section (4) of Section 94 of the Finance Act, 1944, along with Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10867/09]

(iv) A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. G.S.R. 92 (E), dated the 11th February, 2009, amending Notification No. 8/2003-Central Excise, dated 1st March 2003, under sub-section (2) of Section 38 of the Central Excise Act, 1944, along with Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10744/09]

Reports and Accounts (2006-07/2007-08) of various Forest/Wildlife Institutes/Corporations

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of Section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) (a) Thirty-third Annual Report and Accounts of the West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited (WBFDCL), Kolkata, for the year 2006-2007, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10868/09]

(ii) (a) Thirty-first Annual Report and Accounts of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation Limited (ANIFPDCL), Port Blair, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10753/09]

(iii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), Dehradun, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10754/09]

(iv) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal, for the year 2007-2008, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(c) Statements (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at 1 (ii) to (iv) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 10869/09]